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## May Bulletin.

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## GOSSIP.

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New York, Iowa.

Mr. Park: I received the watch last night. It is a very nice one. Everybody is pleased with the flower seeds. Raymond H. Moore.

Narka, Kas., Mar. 19, 1898.

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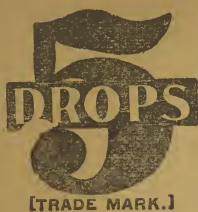
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## GOSSIP.

Flowers on the North Side.—Funkia alba, or White Day Lilies, bloom well and for an unusually long time if planted on the north side of the house. Between the Lilies and the foundation Ferns have been flourishing for many years. At the north-east corner of the house is a Hydrangea grandiflora, more than five feet high, and quite as broad, which is the wonder of passers-by. I think the situation just suits it, for the noonday sun does not strike it. I am trying some Japan Lilies and all kinds of spring-blooming bulbs on the north side of the house. The Lilies are quite nice and lasted much longer last year than before. V. P.

London, Ohio, Mar. 13, 1898.

Dear Band:—What a comfort flowers have been to me. I have been left a widow and fatherless. I laid to rest a darling little baby girl with a Rose bud in her hand—only a common Rose bud from my own door, but I have loved that Rose tree ever since, and like my sister says, "Think of my little angel every time I look at that Rose bush." These bereavements came to me in February, March, April and May, and ah! what a comfort my flowers have been to me. I could walk among them and tend to them, watch them bud, and think of the resurrection and the life beyond sorrow, and feel that my Heavenly Father had sent the flowers to comfort and cheer me. And now my friends call me a flower "crank," and my daughter says I take too much money to buy flowers, but when Decoration Day comes and I can clothe so many graves with lovely flowers I feel repaid for all my care. C. B. L.

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# PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE.

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## HEPATICA.

Sweet flower of the wildwood,  
How oft in my childhood  
I sat by thy moss-covered throne;  
Still loath to erase,  
From thy pink-tinted face  
The beauty and fragrance thine own.

'Mid snow-capped green mountains,  
And icy-locked fountains,  
Thou wakest to life little flower;  
With the robin's first song,  
Thou hasteth along  
To welcome the sunshine and shower.  
*Washington Co., Vt. S. Minerva Boyce.*

## THE PARISIAN WALL- FLOWER.

THE new Parisian Early Wallflower is a novelty which promises to be worthy of cultivation by the amateur florist. It is said to bloom the first season from seeds, bearing large clusters

of rich, golden, sweet-scented flowers in autumn when the plants are started early in spring. The French florists who introduced this new Wallflower describe it as follows:

A new feature in Wallflowers is the extraordinary earliness of this variety. Sown in cold frames in March or April this plant develops itself so rapidly that it is in full bloom before the end of September. The magnificent golden yellow flowers, which it produces in great abundance up to the very winter months, are exceedingly welcome for bouquets, as well as for bunching, especially at that late season, when the florist's shop usually contains scarcely anything else but Chrysanthemums. It thus happens that the Wallflower, already the first popular flower of spring, will also be the last gem of Flora's autumnal garb.

Wallflowers are not hardy at the North, and must be protected to live over winter. This new variety, therefore, if it meets the description, will prove an acquisition to our list of autumn-blooming plants. At the South it will endure the winter and bloom during early summer. It is worth trying.

### NEW EARLY PARISIAN WALLFLOWER.

SOME time ago I observed in the MAGAZINE an inquiry in regard to perennial flowering Peas which I can answer by giving a short history of a few seeds received from our Editor many years ago. The planting place was at a trellis before the door of an out-building which stood just outside the manure bin connected with the stable. As this bin is uncovered naturally much richness washes into the soil where the plant lives. From a few tiny plants which came from seeds before this bin was in use, we now have a fine clump which increases year after year and climbs to such heights, and gives such profusion of blooms, that I would be almost afraid to give the exact figures. Suffice it to say that I have planted seeds in other parts of the yard and have secured good stands, but get no such results anywhere else. It is therefore evident that the perennial Pea is a gross feeder and can be

brought to perfection anywhere if properly fed. We cover our other bunches with straw manure each winter, but do not give them liquid manure such as the original plant gets. We now have white and rose, and for dining room decorations and corsage bouquets I know of no cleaner or more satisfactory plant. The perennial Peas are very hard to transplant, hence it is best to plant the seeds where you want them.

Mrs. Darrell.  
Brookville, Ind.  
Apr. 15, 1898.

**A Very Pretty Flower Box.**—A pretty flower box can be made by covering any little wooden box with pine cones, and a pretty flower pot is made from any old wooden pail.

When the article you have selected is covered with the whole or half cones, and the glue is quite dry and firm, you can varnish over with some stain and varnish combined, using a soft brush for the purpose. Other combinations will suggest themselves when making these.

Doylesville, Ky.

Kentucky.



## TO A HUMMING BIRD.

Whence comest thou mysterious one,  
With whirl and flash of wing?  
Art thou a beam from yonder sun,  
Thou glowing, gorgeous thing?  
Or did some angel drop thee down  
A living breathing flower,  
From dewy buds that formed her crown.

Now poised above a Lily fair,  
Thou changing, burning gem,  
Expanding on the morning air  
Like a Rose without a stem  
I see thee, then, I see thee not,  
Far from the blooming lawn  
Rare Humming Bird, translucent dot  
Joy laden, thou art gone.

Bradford Co., Pa.

Ruth Raymond.

## A FLOWER BOX.

OUR house has a three cornered veranda, with columns about ten feet apart. Two years ago this spring I had a box made long enough to reach from one column to the other, eighteen inches deep and eight inches in width, and raised about two feet from the floor. After giving it a coat of paint and filling it with good soil, I planted in it three different colored flowering Geraniums, Fuchsias, double Petunias, Heliotrope, Lantana, blue Ageratium, Tuberous Begonias, Coleus in variety, cut-leaved, Dusty Miller and Impatiens Sultana, with some tall growing plants for the centre. For the edges to hang down over the sides of box, I placed Silver-leaved Ivy Geraniums, Madam Salleroi Geraniums, Sweet Alyssum, variegated Vinca, Nasturtiums, Kenilworth, Mesembranthemum, Oxalis, etc. At the extreme ends of the box I planted Madeira and Morning Glory vines to climb up the columns of the porch. Everything grew so luxuriantly that it was soon a complete mass of foliage and bloom from early summer till late into autumn. The whole arrangement elicited much admiration. Such flower receptacles are easy to care for, not molested by chickens, cats, etc., are always satisfactory and an immense source of pleasure. Try one and be convinced. I could not get along without mine, now.

Wayne Co., N. Y.

Mrs. M. H. Durfee.

**Eustoma Russellianum.**—Eustoma Russellianum grows in Oklahoma, along the Cimarron River, in swampy places. We did not know the name of the plants, so we called them Cimarron Lilies. A small patch of them grows one-half mile from where I lived, and I often gathered the flowers. I broke the plants off just above the ground, put them in a vase with water and the flowers staid fresh for two and three weeks, new buds opening every few days; but by the end of two weeks, those that opened would be white. While I was attending Normal School, I wore them on my dress all day, when the thermometer registered 108° in the shade, and at night they would be as fresh as they were in the morning. Every one who saw them thought they were wonderful. I have tried to raise plants from seeds, but never succeeded. It is my favorite wild flower.

Nella McCune.

Dent Co., Mo., Mar. 17, 1898.

## FLOWERS FOR THE SICK ROOM.

TAKE a shallow dish, large or small, according to the quantity of flowers you have, and fill with well dampened sand. Then arrange the flowers in this, leaves of sweet-scented Geranium and sprays of feathery plants, interspersed with pretty blossoms around the edge, and the center filled the same way till none of the sand is in sight. An occasional sprinkle with cool water is all that is needed to keep them in nice condition for several days. The leaves of the common Caraway and Yarrow and small, delicate Ferns, all of which may be easily found by those living in the country, and many common flowers may be used with good effect. The blossoms of the Crab Apple are lovely and so fragrant that they are a constant delight while they last; the Thorn Apple tree bears pretty white flowers, also the Green Osier. One pretty bouquet I arranged for a sick room, was composed of half-opened yellow Roses, Forget-me-nots, Geranium leaves and feathery sprays of green. The combination was very pretty. Flowers arranged in this way are much less bother to the attendants in a sick room, as they need so little care, and where flowers are placed in water it has to be changed. So then let us not be selfish with our flowers. God created them to beautify the earth and gladden the hearts of His children, and we surely ought to be willing to share them, who by reason of sickness or infirmity are shut in from all these beauties of nature. We never can know the influence of a flower, or the message of hope it may carry, to some sick, lonely sufferer. I often think a simple bouquet of flowers, given cheerfully, may answer for "the cup of cold water" Christ bade us give, and we, in this way, may do some missionary work, and "let a little sunshine in."

Marie.

Bemis Point, N. Y., Mar. 29, 1898.

## Something About the Tin-can Flower Pots.

Many people have discovered that tin cans are better than flower pots for strong-growing plants in hot dwelling houses. There is usually one objection to them, and that is that it's difficult to get the plant out to "make a shift." I have contrived the following method of obviating this difficulty. Melt off the top of the can so as to leave the edge smooth. Then cut a large hole, say two inches in the bottom and put in a false bottom. The original top of the can is good if it was cut close to the edge, but something stiffer is better. When shifting a plant, set a stake in the ground and push the can down around it. If the can is painted inside it may be used several times.

Geo. S. Woodruff.

Buchanan Co., Iowa.

**Callas.**—I have beautiful Callas. In the summer I bed out in the flower garden. In the fall I take up and put in twelve-inch vessels, using alternate layers of earth and sand and fresh horse manure, and filling the pot nearly full.

Mrs. J. R. Zoll.

Knox Co., Ill., Mar. 18, 1898.

WELCOME.

"Blow softly, Oh! wind from the south-land  
And waken the slumbering flowers;  
Close, close in their beds they've been sleeping,  
Through all of the long wintry hours;  
Blow softly, and call to them gently,  
They will hear you, though fast wrapped in sleep,  
And soon from their slumber will waken,  
And forth to the sunlight will peep."  
Then the wind from the south blew so softly  
O'er the beds where the Daffodils bright,  
The Hyacinths, Snowdrops and Tulips  
The Crocuses, yellow and white,  
Were sleeping and waiting the spring-time;  
They 'wakened and soon to the light,  
Pushed up their green leaves and bright blossoms  
And made all the garden seem bright.

Oh! fair, sweet blossoms of spring-time,  
First to come after winter's long reign,  
We welcome you always and gladly—  
And watch you departing with pain.  
Though the Roses, and Lilacs so stately  
Soon will come, and will make a grand show,  
They never can be quite so welcome,  
As the blossoms that peeped through the snow.

Belle M. Brewster.

Chautauqua Co., N. Y., Mar. 29, 1898.

DEDICATED TO THE CYPRI-  
PEDIUMS.

Sweet Lady Slipper, Orchid bright,  
That grows and blooms in great delight  
In shaded dells and out of sight  
Of the rays of the shining sun.  
You hide yourself from "Sols" gay light,  
While your blossoms nod (like a happy sprite)  
In robes of yellow, spotted and white  
And think it glorious fun.

You lend a charm to wooded aisles,  
And attract attention with your smiles  
While growing in the jungled wilds,  
Where gay decked birdies hum.  
You care not for the praise or smiles  
Of those who come into your wilds  
And many pleasant hours do while,  
And yet their hearts you've won.

So Lady Slipper, Orchid bright,  
We'll sing your praise from morn till night,  
And revel in your glorious light,  
For by pride you can't be won.  
So remember happy sprite  
In your wood-dell, out of sight,  
We know you bloom with faces bright  
Like the rays of the shining sun.

Ohio.

S. L.

THE FIRST VIOLET.

Good morning Violet, howd'ye do?  
The sky was robbed to give us you,  
Or else where did you get that blue?

You came quite early just to bring  
To waiting eyes a glimpse of Spring  
Before the April rains begin.

To Mother Earth you cling full fast,  
Forget the winter is not past,  
These bright days came too soon to last.

Short-stemmed leaves make compact heap,  
And out of them your face doth peep  
Like babe just starting up from sleep.

Your later sister's goodly sight  
Will reach more boldly to the light,  
But they will not seem half so bright.

Your lovely face I gladly greet  
Oh, cheery friend, the herald meet  
Of all Spring's treasures rare and sweet.

New London, Conn.

Etta Kent.

THE PHLOX.

They stand in groups together,  
The white and pink Phlox tall,  
In an old time country garden,  
Behind a gray stone wall;  
Around them 'Tiger Lilies,  
And blushing Bouncing Bet,  
Are listening to the mem'ries,  
As they with winds coquette.  
"For years," the Phlox are saying,  
"We've occupied this spot,  
And the farm house low, unpainted,  
Which time effaces not—  
But draped with gray green mosses,  
O'er roof and window sill—  
Seems tenanted by phantoms,  
For memories haunt it still."  
"Of the days so long since vanished,  
When a young bride sweet and fair,  
Brought us from her home of childhood,  
And planted us with care,  
In this garden now forgotten,  
Of the farm house old and low."  
Deserted is the dwelling,  
But the seasons come and go,  
And the tall Phlox ever faithful,  
To scenes of days gone by,  
Are covered with sweet blossoms,  
Tho' friends in graveyard lie,  
Who loved the old flowers standing,  
Beyond the mossy wall  
That now keep silent vigils  
O'er the lonely farm house small.

Merrimack Co., N. H.

Ray Laurance.

THE AWAKENING.

Deep in the earth's cold bosom,  
Safe in her generous lap,  
Are thousands of precious treasures  
Enjoying a long winter nap.  
There are seeds, and bulbs and rootlets  
That have settled down to sleep,  
Or, secure from the frosts of Winter,  
The earth doth her treasures keep.  
In Spring-time when Nature is smiling,  
Earth will her treasures release,  
All growing, bright and beautiful,  
After their Winter of peace.

Deep in the earth's cold bosom,  
They laid my little one down;  
Her gray eyes closed forever  
'Neath her head like a golden crown.  
I know she is sweetly sleeping  
Secure from every care—  
That the Saviour her spirit is keeping  
While her form is resting there.  
I know that in God's own Spring-time  
I shall see my darling once more,  
All radiant in garb of an angel,  
Safe, on Life's farther shore.

Franklin Falls, N. H.

Linnie Mar

PRIMULA'S GIFT.

I sat by the plant filled windows  
Where the Crocus raised its head,  
And the big Geranium blossoms  
Were flaunting their toques of red;  
And I dreamed that a fairy princess  
Came out of her hidden bower  
And sifted a wildwood perfume  
On a dainty pink-hued flower.

Disdaining the other blossoms  
Arrayed in their festal style  
Adown on the modest flower  
She looked with a parting smile,  
And all of the woody fragrance  
Of the Violet's wild home bower,  
Was left by the fairy princess  
To the sweet Primula flower.

Florence Josephine Boyes.

Washington Co., Vt.

## CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

**F**IRST, it is necessary to prepare vessels to put them into. I prefer wooden pails. With a gimlet make several vents in the bottom of each one, over them turn a broken dish or an old tin, upside down to prevent the drain from becoming clogged, then a layer of charcoal with some ashes. A covering of leaves may be placed in next, then fill with rich soil from the woods, being careful not to put in any worms. To each pail of earth prepared mix in about one tablespoonful of salt and a teacup of ashes; also, pieces of rusty iron and some burned bone broken into small pieces. Carefully set about five of the young plants into each vessel and water freely. Place them where they are protected from too warm sun and the wind for a few days until they become acclimated, then put them out where they are to stand during the summer on a board sprinkled with ashes and salt (a protection from ants.) I have some of mine on the east and some on the west side of the house, then they are in the shade about half of each day. When they are six inches high, pinch out the top; repeat the pinching process at intervals until August unless quality is wanted instead of quantity. Treated in this way, it is not necessary to repot until the next spring; and, if properly watered, one is richly repaid with beautiful blossoms. I have eleven varieties now. Some are early, others late ones. Some are loaded with flowers for a long time. When the nights get frosty, set them on the porch and let them remain there until there is danger of freezing, when they should be removed to a cool room; if kept too warm, the blossoms do not last very long. When they fade, break down the stalks, water, and set away until spring. Give them water two or three times during the winter. It is a good plan not to throw away the young sprouts. Set some in the ground. If frosts do not come too early they richly repay for all they cost. It is but little trouble to mark each kind and protect from the sun and wind until some one comes for slips, as so many do each year, then we have something really choice to bestow or exchange. The soil should be changed as early as possible; usually it is warm enough in April and ought to be attended to promptly. Amy.

Tuscola Co., Mich., Mar. 14, 1898.

## FLOWERS IN THE VEGETABLE GARDEN.

**M**OST of us remember the long, box-bordered bed that extended through the middle of the old-fashioned garden. To many of us come very pleasant and distinct memories of the flowers that grew there. Perhaps these dream-like visions of long ago are responsible for the taste that would scatter flowers among the vegetables, even now. Sweet Peas along the garden fence are out of the way. Portulaca on the rim of the onion bed does well. We had it there last year with flowers as double and much redder than Roses. A Petunia here and there hurts nothing, and Violets along where the

plow doesn't go cost nothing. A Rose or some Morning Glories over the gate make it easier to go in, and a few bunches of Wallflower in the herb bed and some Mignonettes among the cabbage sweeten the whole place.

It makes the work easier and adds a singular attraction to the garden. The flowers grow well here, and I cannot help thinking they do the gardener good. He learns that there is something in life besides working and eating, and his eye, caught by bright colors conveys a sort of refinement to his brain while his soul is richer by the perfume of the flowers. If you are a gardener, the work is brightened if a flower blooms here and there.

This is the place for the children's flowers—for the hardy, gaudy blossoms that you cannot have in your doorway. The big Zinnias and yellow Marigolds and bright Bachelor Buttons. Give each child a corner somewhere and a few pennies to buy seeds. The flowers must be of easy culture and of a sort that will not fail to bloom. I like to see Sunflowers nodding over a garden wall. One feels that the owner of the garden is good natured and that the garden itself is a place of beauty.

There is a certain city in one of the southern states that ought to be called the Sunflower city. Everywhere the great yellow disks greet you. They peep over garden walls and swing around corners. They stand in steady groups on the velvet lawns and tangle themselves with Morning Glories on vacant lots. They lean lovingly against cottage walls and follow each other in procession along sweeping driveways. They are everywhere all the summer long, and one hears very little of malaria then. Sunflowers make good bean poles and first rate screens. There are several sorts and all are good. Annuals that seed themselves and come up in helter skelter fashion are best for the garden, unless one cares for a border somewhere. Morning Glories become a pest in the garden down this way. One must fight them valiantly, and even then their colors are flying bravely each morning.

The herb bed must not be forgotten. Even if you do not put them to practical use, they are loved for the sake of old times. Every garden should have its herb bed bordered, perhaps, with sweet May Pinks. Ellen Frizell Wycoff.

Iredell Co., N. C.

[NOTE.—Many vegetables are, in themselves, ornamental and can be turned to good use in garden decoration. Borecole in variety, Dracena-leaved Beets, and the Crested Kales are beautiful ornamental plants, and few plants surpass the compact, moss-leaved Parsley for edging. A study of the adaptation of vegetable plants, with careful arrangement and the use of a few flowering plants combined will serve to make the vegetable garden beautiful and admirable, as well as profitable.—Ed.]

**A Wind-break.**—To prevent the wind ruining our flower garden my husband and I planted corn and sorghum around the sides. When these get well started they act excellently in breaking the force of the wind.

Lucy M. Sprague.

Gage Co., Neb., Feb. 14, 1898.

# SUMMER-FLOWERING BULBS.

I CANNOT urge the reader of this article too strongly to give the summer-flowering bulbs a trial in his or her garden. It will pay in more ways than one.

After blooming freely all summer the Canna bulbs will be greatly increased in size at the end of the season; so much so, in fact, that each will furnish half a dozen new plants the following year. It always delights me to lift Canna bulbs in the fall; it is like putting money in the bank and drawing the interest. Great improvements have taken place of late years in the culture of Cannas, and new, large-flowering varieties have been introduced. The dwarf Cannas are also beautiful and bear a flower resembling the Gladiolus. These Cannas are easily raised from seeds, and will bloom the first season if started early. The fact, however, that you have not started any of this seed yet should not deter you from planting some, as the growth of the plants this year will count the next, and your Cannas will be all the stronger for not blooming this season.



The Tuberous Begonia cannot be too strongly recommended. It does well as a pot plant, and answers equally well for bedding and borders. It is easily grown in a sheltered situation where old Sol can't get at it.

Everybody knows what Gladioli are, but some persons do not know that you can pick them when they are just coming into bloom and keep them in the house for a week. Of course, they must be regularly supplied with water. The blossoms open one by one. Gladioli just coming into bloom can also be easily shipped to distant friends if proper care is taken in the packing. Like the Canna, the Gladiolus has also been improved by hybridization.

The Caladium esculentum, the bulb of which is said to be edible, is excellent for a semi-tropical bed when combined with the Castor-oil Plant (*Ricinus Zanzibariensis*) and the Canna. Those who have never known the effectiveness of a bed of

this kind should try one this summer, as they are comparatively inexpensive.

Some people do not fancy Tigridias because they only bloom for a day, but oh, how beautiful they are when they do bloom! Only orchids are comparable to them. They are easily raised, too.

The Japanese Lily, *Lilium auratum*, is likewise grown without trouble, but must be planted deep. When the gold-banded flowers appear in the fall they will be adequate compensation for the long period of waiting for bloom.

I have never planted the *Amaryllis atamasco* for summer-blooming, but presume it would do quite well. Care must be taken, however, to plant the bulb on the ground and not in it, or else the plant will not thrive. Plants have their peculiarities, like people, and if these are not observed the efforts of the amateur gardener will not be crowned with success.

The Dahlia is receiving more attention now than it used to, although it has always been a plant of merit. Why it should be more popular at one time than another is something I cannot understand. But there is no accounting for the whims of fashion. Hugo Erichsen.

**Wistaria Not Blooming.**—Wistaria vine will not grow in a hot, dry place. The most beautiful Wistaria I ever saw climbed over trees and bridges, the flowers hanging in the shade below. In my own yard there is a vine that runs one branch out over tall palings in the full sun. This branch never blooms, but another which grows through the branches of a great tree hangs every nook full of flowers. A Wistaria vine that is half starved will not bloom. Plant a young vine in a rich, somewhat shaded place and it will bloom when a few feet high. Plant one in poor soil and neglect it and it will not bloom until its roots have foraged here, there and everywhere for the strength the plant needs for blooming. Kentucky.

Doylesville, Ky.

**Tobacco for Moles.**—There are remedies given for ground moles, which although probably good, are troublesome. We were much troubled by moles, as were our neighbors on each side, but our troubles are now over after using a very simple remedy—tobacco stems. We sprinkled the tobacco stems on the lawn and flower beds and they serve the triple purpose of fertilizer, insecticide and complete mole eradicator. The moles still continue to destroy much on the ground of our next neighbor, and we are exempt.

Mrs. Edwin Stuart Dickerson.  
Camden Co., N. J., Mar. 31, 1898.

**Vinca.**—I can certainly recommend Vinca, especially planting the different colors. The seeds germinate easily and it soon comes into bloom, and makes a fine show. I have a white one which I have kept in the house for two winters, and planted out in spring, and it blooms the year around almost.

Mrs. M. A. B.  
Alhambra, Ill., Mar. 1898.

**BUTTERCUPS.**

Adown the dell Earth's carpet shows  
A wondrous dash of gold,  
With a border wide where Violets blue  
The mountain's feet enfold.

Along the brook and its sloping banks  
Are strips enstarred with gold,  
A peerless design from Flora's loom  
To cover Earth's rugged mold.

Adown the dells and along the streams  
Bright Buttercups nod and wave,  
And with Violets blue and Dandelion stars,  
They enwrap Old Winter's grave.

Ad H. Gibson.

Kas., Feb. 16, 1898.

**SOME OLD GARDENS.**

**J**OHNNY-JUMP-UP and Flower of an Hour! Who of our end of the century children know them? Yet they are the only annuals I ever remember in grandmother's garden. The name Pansy was just coming into fashion in our quiet neighborhood, but we children greatly preferred the livelier appellation. Before the garden was ploughed in the spring, my sister and I would find the study plants with their leaves of bluish green, and the saucy velvety faces laughing up at us. We were always privileged to transplant as many as we choose in our own flower beds. There were two varieties; one having three light yellowish petals was scarcer, and so much desired by us, but I always thought the dark velvety ones the prettier. I have not changed my preference even in these days of Pansies of multifarious tints and hues. It is a descent when they doff the imperial purple.

But advancing years and increasing feebleness soon caused my grandmother to give up the annuals, though the flowers she kept as long as she kept a house. Lily of the Valley straggled in and out along the garden fence, under the shade of Burning Bush and Rose Allandale. By the front gate were Lilacs, a clump on each side. The easterly one was almost circular with a space in the center which formed an ideal playhouse in the long, hot summer afternoon, and where wonderful millinery was fashioned from Lilac and Plantain leaves, Ribbon Grass and Wild flowers. The "Streaked Grass" held sway among some old currant bushes farther on, close by two huge bushes of flowering currant. Near the Lilacs were what grandmother called "Old-fashioned" Lilies (*Hemerocallis fulva*). She did not admire them, and they usually fell by the June mowing. By the well, with its old sweep, was a great bunch of white Phlox, and a clump of Liveforever. Near the garden was a root of "Headache Stuff." It somewhat resembled Wormwood, but the odor, to me, was more disagreeable. Whether it was supposed to cause or cure a headache I never knew. It was not uncommon in the neighborhood, but I have never met it since childhood's days. Roses, red and white, and grape vines, covered the south and east sides of the house, and it was hard telling which we children enjoyed most, the Roses in the summer, or the long, purple clusters of "Isabellas" that came to ripe sweetness in the

September suns. The tiny porch over the front door was draped in Honeyuckles of two or three varieties. Here in warm sun-days my lame old grandfather sat in his arm chair, within easy hail of any neighbor who might pass along the unfrequented street, the wrens nesting in a box under the eaves, and all the varied panorama of summer life stretched out before his keen, far-sighted blue eyes.

At one time grandmother was a Dahlia devotee, and I never see the purple and white parti-colored ones without thinking of her, for they were her choice, passing by the flaming reds and snowy white, and the pale yellow that was like the taste of lemon in the mouth. But grandmother also kept hens, and to protect the one race from the other, the Dahlias lived in "pens." After sprouting in box or pan or pail before the kitchen window, the tubers were placed in a trench on each side of the porch, and surrounded with a fence which served the double purpose of protection from the feathered wallowers, and support when winds assailed the brittle stems. But Dahlias involved too much lifting and work and finally they were given up, and grandmother contented herself with hardy shrubs and plants like *Pæonies* and *Dicentra*, that would thrive with little care. In fact, her plants always grew with less attention than other people's flowers required. It was as if they recognized alike her affection and her feebleness, and responded accordingly.

When the nights grew frosty, and chestnuts began to drop from the great tree behind the house, then the dear old lady had her house plants. The "*Artemisia*" that grew all summer in the garden, had been lifted into boxes or pans, and established before the sunny windows. All the fall we would come home from our almost daily calls with a nosegay of fresh-scented blossoms. Have we not about "improved" all the fragrance from our *Chrysanthemums*, as well as made them entirely too tender to live a winter out of doors? A terra cotta red pompon, hardy enough to take care of itself is occasionally seen, but the large (for those days) white and the lemon yellow ones, and the dainty pink and white pompons, like English Daisies enlarged—they are gone with the Johnny-jump-ups to the land of forgetfulness.

Helena Leslie.

Westchester Co., N. Y., Feb. 28, 1898.

[NOTE.—"Flower of an Hour" is the common name of *Hibiscus trionum* or *Calisurus* a malvaceous plant with a cup-shaped flower an inch in diameter, yellowish white with a distinct dark center, and having netted, inflated calyx, which retains its color and form till the seeds are ripe. It is an annual, but self sows, and is always found where once introduced. The Ribbon Grass is *Phalaris arundinacea picta*, a tenaceous, spreading grass which is handsome as an edging where a hardy, easily-grown plant is required. The beautiful long striped blades are lovely to use in bouquets.—Ed.]

**Remedy for Moles.**—Put finely pulverized strychnine on bits of meat and drop the bits into the runways of the moles. They will eat the meat and the result will be what you desire—a riddance of moles.

Santa Barbara, Cal.

W. F. H.

## CHINESE PRIMROSES.

**T**HREE years ago I sent for a packet of seed, and when it arrived the first of July, I opened it and found it contained fifty-three seeds. I found an old baking-sheet that was past using for cooking, obtained leaf-mold, sand and garden loam about equal parts, sifted them together, put in the pan, watered, then took the head of a large pin and made very shallow dents in the earth about one-half inch apart, dropping a seed in each place; then taking a little of the sifted soil between thumb and finger, sprinkled it over the pan, and covered with a pane of glass. In a week they had begun to sprout, and I lifted the glass just a little to give air, so they would not damp off. Fifty seeds grew, and when the plants had put out the second leaf, I transplanted to quart tin cans, and set them in a north window where I kept them all summer, with good light but not much sun. When cold weather came I put them in an east window, as far as possible from the heat of the register, as I find they like a cool atmosphere. It would have been better, I suppose, to have transplanted them the second time, as they seemed to want to grow right away from the soil, but as I had left quite a space between the soil and the top of the cans, I put more soil around the roots and let them go, and they did wonderfully well, and I had a splendid variety.

The sharp edges of the cans would cut the leaf stems, so I folded white tissue paper around the tops of the cans, but did not like the appearance very well. The first of June, as I intended keeping them for another year's blooming, I bought five-inch porous jars for a part of them, obtained fresh soil, and removed the Primroses from the cans to the jars, and set them in a shady place out of doors, watering them as they became dry. But I found that those in the cans did much better than those in the jars, so in the future I shall use the cans for my Primroses, papering with some dainty paper, and letting it come up over the tops of the cans. Now, instead of putting them out-doors, I keep them in an east window. By keeping it open most of the time they seem to do much better than planted out-doors. Keep all buds picked off until September, and you will have some lovely plants, with many more flowers than they bore the first winter. Mine have been in bloom most of the time in winter for three years, and are nicer to-day than they were the first time they bloomed. Sow the seeds in May and they will bloom by October.

Mrs. F. Foglesong

Fillmore Co., Minn., Mar. 12, 1893.

**Spotted Callas from Seeds.**

Cut the ripened flower heads off your Spotted Callas in the fall. Keep the stems in bottles of water as long as they will stay without decaying. Plant the seeds toward spring, and plant out in a good garden when warm weather comes. The leaves will not be spotted or hastate until the second year.

Geo. S. Woodruff.

Buchanan Co., Iowa.

## TWO SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENTS.

**M**Y winter blooming Hyacinths had just gone out of bloom. They were so beautiful I felt loathe to give them up. I went to the garden and found that the warm open weather of early March had brought my early Hyacinths above ground. Taking a spade, I carefully lifted four clumps of those furthest above ground, and planted them, with the adhering soil, in a gallon crock, kept them up stairs away from the fire, and gave plenty of air every day. When I made up my early cabbage bed, which was a cold frame, covered with muslin sashes, I set the crock there for several days. When the buds began to swell, I brought it into the sitting room. Next morning three lovely heads of bloom were open, and the beauty of it was, the whole head of flowers opened at once, no laggard buds.

My other experiment was with *Crinum amabile*. It was a large, old plant growing in a keg, and had got beyond my strength to handle or lift about. I sawed the keg in two around the middle and took it off the great mass of roots. Then I took a sharp knife and shaved off the outside of this ball of roots till it was small enough to be nicely planted in a twelve inch pot. It was set away in the cellar for winter. The leaves did not wilt, and some time in early March it started to grow and there is a fat bud pushing up at the side. It never bloomed before till August, so I am hoping it will give me two seasons of bloom this year.

Mrs. M. C. Marshall.

Indiana Co., Pa., Mar. 24, 1893.

**Hibiscus Giant Yellow.**—This is a plant of recent introduction, and in cultivation grows about four feet in height, and well developed plants bear from ten to fifteen flowers at once. These flowers are of enormous size, six to eight inches across and in color are canary yellow with a garnet throat. The seed should be sown under glass, and the plants removed to the flower border as soon as the weather becomes warm and settled, which in this vicinity is about the middle of May. The plant is a perennial, although it blooms the first season from seed, and as it is not hardy in the latitude of New York, the roots should be lifted, about the middle of November, and placed in boxes of moist soil and wintered in a cool cellar. They can be planted out about the middle of April. Give them a very deep soil and an open sunny situation.

Floral Park, N. Y.

Chas. E. Parnell.

**Lopesia rosea as a Tree.**—Plant a *Lopesia* in the open ground and train two or three stems to a stout stalk. Pinch it about three feet from the ground and repeat the operation often, keeping off all suckers and side branches. Root prune severely with the spade about three weeks before lifting in the fall, and you will have a beautiful weeping tree for the house, which will cover itself with its pretty pink flowers.

Geo. S. Woodruff.

Buchanan Co., Iowa.

### THE OTHER "BOUNCING BET."

**M**R. KEECH, of New York, writes of a wild bloomer that he calls "Bouncing Bet," but he says the flowers are white, light yellow and light green."

I was surprised, as in my provincialism I had supposed that there was but one "Bet" with these proclivities, so I hasten to send a leaf and old bloom, of our particular "Bet," and see if she, also, has a botanical name.

The plant grows like a huge, rank pink, of the Sweet William order, but bears great clusters of bloom of pink and white. How mixed I can hardly tell. I think the outer petals seem to fade, while the inner are a clear pink. Then, old bunches or heads of bloom are nearly white, while the new ones, all crowded and huddled together, are pink. Anyhow, they give the appearance of white and pink deftly shaded out and in. One head of bloom is as big as—as an ordinary tea-pot.

I find the plant in my drives out around the town, yet I think it is not a native, but

will see that there are subterranean stems which branch and ramify the soil, coming to the surface here and there to form a new plant. This method of increase, as also from seeds, together with the hardness and tenacity of the plant makes it difficult to eradicate. There is a double-flowered variety which is almost seedless, and this is the more desirable for garden culture, as it is much more showy and does not spread so freely. It is possibly of this variety that our correspondent speaks. The *Saponaria* is a member of the Pink Family and differs from *Dianthus* chiefly in the calyx which is bractless in this genus, while the species of *Dianthus* all show scale-like bracts at the base of the calyx.—Ed.]

**Milk as a Fertilizer.**—I would like to tell my experience with milk as a fertilizer. Last spring I had a Double Nasturtium which I had kept through the winter for a garden vine for summer. In the spring I set it out in my garden and trailed on a ladder. A day or two after we had a severe storm of wind and rain. It whipped my Nasturtium to pieces. I thought it was dead, but did my best to save it. Knowing that milk was good for grass, I took the milk pitcher every morning, and poured the contents around the roots. In a day



FIG. 1.

a tramp plant, tired of the restraint of civilization, and taken to the open. But whatever it is, I have pulled up roots, and have great bunches in the garden. The fragrance is delicious, and the color lovely. Now Mr. Editor, to what family does it belong? I think it does not seed.

Maude Meredith.

Dubuque Co., Iowa.

[NOTE.—What the Editor knows as "Bouncing Bet" is a species of *Saponaria*—*S. officinalis*, thought to be a native of England. It was introduced into American gardens by the early settlers, and has escaped cultivation, and become a weed in many places, that is difficult to eradicate. The true species bears single flowers, and produces great tufts of seed-pods in autumn, as indicated in figure 1, and every pod is crowded with small, kidney-shaped black seeds, a specimen of which, enlarged, is represented in figure 2. Almost every seed has the spark of vitality that will produce a plant under ordinary conditions, and as the dry seed-stalks are whipped by the whistling autumn winds the seeds are scattered to and fro, and spring up the next season in great numbers all about the old plant.

But this is not all. If you will notice figure 3, which represents the root of an old plant, you



FIG. 2.



FIG. 3.

or two it started a new growth and grew rapidly. I did the same with other plants, with pleasing results.

One Who Loves Flowers.  
Winchester, Conn.

**A Gorgeous Flower Bed.**—Last year I took a tub (or rather the end of a large barrel) and filled it about one-fourth full of stones for drainage. Then I filled the rest with a mixture of sand, leaf-mold and enough clay to keep the water from drying out too fast. In the middle I planted several *Nicotianas*, around them dwarf *Nasturtiums*, and around the edge trailing *Nasturtiums*. The *Nicotiana* grew tall and blossomed freely as this lovely plant usually does. The *Nasturtiums* climbed down all over the sides of the tub and sprawled far out on the ground. In spite of their luxuriance they blossomed profusely. I showered the tub every evening and gave the plants one or two doses of chicken manure water.  
A. L. L.  
Cambria, Wyo.

## FALL FLOWERS.

**W**HEN planting your flower seeds in the spring make provision for fall flowers, that is, those that will bloom in October and November.

The Chrysanthemum is now about the only fall flower we have, and while it is a host within itself, there are others that will give pleasure if a little extra pains is taken in the planting season, or transplanting season.

Asters will repay you a thousand fold if you will transplant them into boxes while small. Sink the boxes in the flower bed, and when there is danger of a killing frost dig the box up and set on the porch or in some sheltered place, and as the weather grows cooler remove to the house. I have had them bloom for several weeks before the close atmosphere of the living room faded their brilliant blossoms.

The California Poppy is another beauty that you may transplant in the same way, and it will repay you in golden blossoms till Christmas anyway, and perhaps longer. I never tried them till last year, and then had only two to experiment with, but I think they are lovely fall flowers.

Then there are the stately Dahlias that the frost most surely catches here in northeast Iowa. If you will set them in the same way you can prolong the season quite awhile. And Gladiolus, too, sometimes Jack Frost gets that, and it may add its bright blossoms to your porch treasure.

Last year I tried white and red Cypress in this way, and trained it up over the front of the bay window. How lovely beyond belief it was, and it lasted till well on in December, when it succumbed to the hot, dry air of the room. I suppose Morning Glories could be treated in the same way, but with the collections already mentioned one may be carried well on into the winter with the lovely bright blossoms.

Geneva March.

Bremer Co., Iowa, Apr. 6, 1898.

[NOTE.—Chrysanthemums coronarium and carinatum, Calendula, and the various species of Gilia all bloom well after the frosts have destroyed most of the garden flowers. A bed of Calendula is especially bright and attractive after severe frosts, and outlives the Chrysanthemum in hardness and show. The plants of all these are readily grown from seeds.—Ed.]

**Date Palm.**—When the leaf of the Date Palm has grown to the boat-shaped stage, you will soon be rewarded by a change toward the real full-sized leaf. I have had a Date Palm for about nine years. It is very handsome and has always been very interesting to watch. It is also little trouble, as it does not require a very good place as to light and heat in winter.

Addison Co., Vt. Mrs. S. C. T. Benson.

**Remedy for Moles.**—Take a small pointed stick, make holes in the runs about two or three feet apart, pour a few drops of kerosene into them, and cover up. My experience is that the moles will emigrate. I put a few drops in the trench when I planted Peas last spring, and for the first time in ten years had a large crop of Peas.

Battle Creek, Mich.

M. F. L.

## SOME GOOD PERENNIALS.

**I**KNOW of nothing that gives so much pleasure, and requires so little care as a large border of perennials. Plant the seed this spring, or put out plants if you can get them, and you will have some flowers this year, and great quantities of them next year. The following list contains perennials that have been tried and not found wanting: Aquilegia, or Columbine, with beautiful flowers in many colors, Perennial Phlox, just as good or even better if wanted for cut flowers, Snapdragons, always nice, but now the new Calceolaria-flowered sorts are just beautiful. I can also recommend Perennial Peas, Perennial Larkspur, Digitalis or Fox Glove, Sweet Williams, and Campanulas or Canterbury Bells. Then, if one will add a few hardy blooming plants, such as Sweet May Pinks, the new Achillea, hardy pompon Chrysanthemums, and Chinese Peony, they will have a fine display of flowers from spring until late in the fall. I know there are many more hardy blooming plants and perennials, but these are about all I know anything about. I would be glad if some one would write of their favorite hardy plants.

Aunt Anna.

Eastern Washington, Mar. 28, 1898.

[NOTE.—To the above might be added Papaver orientale, a gorgeous and beautiful perennial. The flowers last but a short period, but the plant will live and bloom for years; Chelone barbata, of charming beauty; Sweet Rocket, much like Phlox, but blooms at the same time as the Oriental Poppy, in the spring, before the buds of Phlox have developed. Then there are Hollyhocks, Hardy Verbena, Perennial Saponaria, Gaillardia, Coreopsis, Perennial Sunflowers, Double Rudbeckia, Asclepias tuberosa, Herbaceous Spirea, etc., all easily grown, tenacious, and well worth attention. Many of these are grown from seeds; the others may be had as plants of the florist, and cost but a trifle. May is a good month to sow the seeds and start the plants. When the work is delayed till the heat of summer, success is not always assured.—Ed.]

**A Persevering Bulb.**—Last spring I purchased a Gloxinia bulb. Sometime after it had been planted it sprouted up near the edges of the pot, then bloomed twice, four blossoms at a time. It was beautiful, white with red throat. In the fall I read in the MAGAZINE to be careful about planting Gloxinias wrong side up. I got it up and examined mine and began to think it was planted wrong, so dried it off, and when I took away the soil, sure enough the stalks all came from around the under side, roots above, but it had bloomed.

E. Hutchison.

Marion Co., Kan., Feb. 25, 1898.

**Rustic Flower Pots.**—When I get short of tin cans—for I don't like them very well, they rust so—I go to the woods, get an old rotten-through-the-middle Sassafras, saw it in "lengths" for pots, push out all the dead wood, worm-dust and worms, fit a piece of seine-haulers cork or something else in the bottom, paint the outside or leave bark on, and have as good flower pots as one wants.

Mrs. S. J. T. Daniels.

Anne Arundel Co., Md., Feb. 14, 1898.

## HARBINGERS OF SPRING.

The first April Violet by bare beechen tree  
Looking gaily up seemed to be speaking to me:  
"I come with you robin sweet spring to recall,  
Together we herald the glad news to all;  
How pleased every fancy of eye and of ear,  
With gay exultation you welcome us here,  
But in the near future surrounded by flowers  
And summer birds plumage both brighter than  
ours,

Though first here to tell you that winter is o'er,  
You soon will forget all the perils we bore."  
I looked at the bird and the flower, and then  
Compared them in thought with the pioneer men,  
Whose increasing labor and menacing fears  
Are lost in the on-coming tide of the years;  
The world owns the work when the labor is done,  
Though the flower and the bird are forgotten and gone.

Ziba Woodworth Boyce.

Washington Co., Vt.

## RUDBECKIA GOLDEN GLOW.

THE new double Rudbeckia, Golden Glow, is proving to be one of the finest hardy herbaceous plants we have. A small mailing size plant set out in the spring with little more than ordinary care grows into a many-branched plant six feet in height, bearing beautiful, double, golden yellow, Chrysanthemum-like flowers nearly three inches in diameter. It produces the flowers in great profusion, the season being during the months of August and September. Around the base of the flower stem many shoots appear, each of which, whether divided and re-set for new plants or left to swell the clump, will the next year send up a flowering stalk like that of the parent plant. These flowers, when picked, last remarkably well, and make a bright, pleasing bouquet. After the second year the clump should be divided as the stalks become so crowded that the blossoms are sure to become inferior.

C. H. D

Steuben Co., N. Y., Feb. 14, 1898.

**Winter Roses.**—In a warm, sunny window you can have nice Roses in winter, especially after February. Give the plants water more freely at the roots as growth advances, applying in the morning, and early afternoon of bright days dew them overhead with a fine spray. The cellar window is a very poor place for Roses in winter, and a west exposure is far from a good one for them. Trying to get Roses from the cellar window will probably spoil your plants and disappoint you in results.

Sister.

Doyleville, Ky., Apr. 15, 1898.

**Ten Weeks' Stock in Texas.**—I have a bed of double Ten Weeks' Stock now in bloom, and it is beautiful. I planted the seeds last May, and set the plants in a nicely prepared bed, thinking they would bloom in the autumn. They grew and became stout, bushy plants, standing the dry summer well, but without a bloom. All winter the plants remained green and beautiful, notwithstanding the cold, and to-day they are a bright spot, each plant loaded with bright scarlet bloom. I want more of them next year. Mrs. M. J. Chesser.

Llano Co., Texas, Mar. 19, 1898.

## ABOUT VINES.

I DECK my porch with vines and call it my summer house. My house is in the shape of an L; therefore one end and one side is closed up. The side of the porch faces east, and the end faces north. At the north-west corner of the porch, where it joins the house, I have a running Rose (Seven Sisters) which is trained over the end of the house, around my parlor window, and on up until it reaches the window above. Then I have the shorter branches brought across the porch until it is met by a Honeysuckle (woodbine) trained from the other corner. But they are so arranged that there is an open space in the center for light, air and a hanging basket. Then at the centre pillar I have another Honeysuckle (Hall's).

The Honeysuckles give all the fragrance one could wish for, but have not made enough shade yet, therefore I plant tender vines between them. I have tried several kinds, but will not tire you by describing them. I only want to tell you of the very prettiest one that I have tried, and that is Cypress Vine. I plant it tolerably thick, and put the strings about four inches apart, and the



CYPRESS VINE.

fine, fern-like foliage interlacing, makes a light and graceful screen, yet heavy enough for a good shade when properly grown, and the little velvety flowers are very pretty indeed. There are vines that are more showy, but for delicate beauty I think there is nothing that can equal the Cypress.

Behind these vines I had a hammock, an easy chair or two, and further on, where there were no vines, and the morning sun shone just long enough to make my plants grow, I had a stand for pot plants. In the centre of the stand was an English Ivy vine trained up against the wall, which being painted a straw color made a fine background for the dark green leaves of the Ivy. I will not describe the pot plants any more than to say there were blooming plants, foliage plants, and delicate little vines, climbing, hanging or trailing at their own sweet will. Then with a large plant or two in a sunny corner near the edge, my "so called" summer house was complete.

Amanda Fannin.

Campbell Co., Ky., Apr. 6, 1898.

**Turning Geraniums.**—Do not turn your Geraniums in the window, but set them facing the same way, and the buds will not blast.

S. E. J.

Indiana.

## LIQUID MANURE.

**P**REPARE a slanting platform about eighteen inches or two feet high and large enough to hold a barrel, any size wanted. Then set upon it the barrel with both heads out, and put in three or four inches drainage of tobacco stalks, straw, hay or even trash or sticks. Tobacco stalks are preferable because they serve a two-fold purpose. Now fill the barrel to within eight inches of the top, with equal parts of fresh droppings from the cow pen and poultry house, and press it down good, and put on four or five inches of coal ashes to prevent the escape of the odor from the manure. Pour on two or three buckets of water in the morning or about the quantity of liquid you will need in the evening, and you will have a nice liquid, as clear as coffee, ready for use. I must not forget to say the first few drainings will be too strong, and must be diluted. I poured this at the roots of my plants twice a week, and sprinkled the foliage once a week, always going over and showering them good with clear water to leave the foliage fresh and clean. I may add that it is equally as good for vegetables as for flowers. In proof of its merits as a flower food I will give my experience with a skeleton Geranium from a cutting last year. It was planted April 23th, and after nursing it through the rooting period, I began to apply the liquid food as above stated. By potting time it had attained an enormous size, being three feet eight inches high and five feet across. This Geranium had a sunny location in the open ground in good chip dirt and some sand. All of my plants thrived equally well under the treatment of this liquid food.

Seabree, Ky., Apr. 11, 1893.

S. F. O.

**Vines in Cans.**—If you are so situated that you cannot or do not want to plant your Morning Glories out in the yard, fill a five-gallon can with good soil, first attending to the drainage, and plant several seeds in it. When all danger of frost is past set it out where it is to stay, and fasten up strings for the vines. Give plenty of water every evening. It will dry out fast during the warm weather. Madeira Vine tubers are nice treated the same way. I do not think it necessary to give them so much root room as is given to Morning Glories. German or Parlor Ivy is another good vine, which can be grown in large cans and kept either in the house or outside. I like to have such vines in cans so I can move them in-doors when frost comes.

Aunt Anna.

Eastern Washington, Mar. 30, 1898.

**Starting Cannas.**—I pour boiling water over my Canna seeds before planting, and let them soak in it, then plant in tin cans with both ends melted off. I keep the soil warm and moist, and they soon sprout and grow in the cans until June, then I just slip the can off, and the plants into the ground without disturbing the roots.

Mrs. E. D. Matthews.

Linn Co., Iowa, Apr. 18, 1893.

## THE COSMOS.

**W**ITH the exception of the Chrysanthemum, the Cosmos is now perhaps the most popular fall flower. It has the daintiest fern-like foliage imaginable, and its wide petaled flowers, borne on long, graceful stems, captivate every beholder. The flowers, which are single, comprise a pleasing diversity of colors, pure white, pink, crimson and variegated. The white is without a doubt the most popular color, especially for bouquets and corsage wear. I know of few plants more beautiful than a pure white Cosmos in bloom. The only drawbacks to growing the Cosmos, and they are serious ones, are that it does not begin to bloom till very late in the season, and the plants are somewhat straggling in growth. These defects may be remedied to a certain extent, however. To obtain the best results and to secure early flowers start the seeds in the house about two weeks before the time for setting the plants in the open ground. Every seed will germinate, and as the young plants grow very fast it will be necessary to transplant to more commodious quarters within a few days after they have appeared above ground. The plants will then be about an inch and a half in height, and may be readily handled. Care should be taken that the tender shoots are not snapped off by too rough handling. By following this method the plants will be strong and stocky when set out in the open ground. Give the plants a stake to prevent them being blown over by the winds. They should have a partially shaded situation, and a moderately rich soil. Given these requirements the Cosmos will ask but little more care than an occasional watering during dry spells.

Lawrence D. Fogg.

New Haven Co., Conn., Apr. 16, 1898.

**My Tuberous Begonias.**—I have one fault to find with the weather in winter. When it makes up its mind to turn cold it does it with such unnecessary suddenness. This is just what it did last winter one time, between sunset and sunrise, and it caught my three lovely pots of Tuberous Begonias. Well, it discouraged those plants. They turned pale, and just began to unjoint themselves till there was not a sign of a plant left. One pot I filled with Hyacinth bulbs, but the other two I put down on the cellar shelf. The Hyacinths grew lustily, and just as their bloom was passed I saw a little frizzled top peeping up, and now my Tuberous Begonia threatens to push the Hyacinths out of bed. This reminded me of the other two pots, so I brought them up from the cellar and watered them, and the Begonias are starting in both, and for every stalk that they bore last year a dozen little shoots seem stretching toward the light. Do they always shake themselves to pieces in this way, or was it simply the result of the chill?

Maude Meredith.

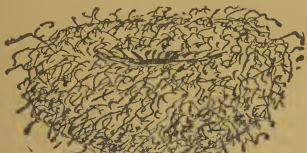
Dubuque Co., Iowa, Apr. 16, 1898.

[NOTE.—Begonias mostly resent a chill in this way. It was, however, time for the Tuberous Begonia to rest, and the dying of the tops was but natural.—Ed.]

## TUBEROUS BEGONIAS.

IT just occurred to me that this would be a word in season on the above subject as when the readers of PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE see this it will be just the time to invest in a few tubers, so they can prove the truth of my story.

Two years ago I was not very comfortable bodily, so I determined to get all the comfort I could out of pot flowers, and



*Tuberous Begonia.*

turned my attention to Tuberous Begonias. I had been ill for several years and I knew of them through the flower catalogues; but invested in four of them from our editor, and following the directions carefully, was rewarded by seeing buds appear the last of June, and in July they were in full flower. As the buds opened wider and wider, I wondered day by day when they would stop getting bigger, till I measured and found four inches in diameter was the size of the majority of them. Their gorgeous beauty almost paralyzed my tongue, so I picked up my pen to talk for me.

I feel we cannot overestimate the value of this rather aristocratic family of plants, though it has only one genus named for M. Begon, Governor of St. Domingo, 200 years ago, yet it is far from common, and is very choice in common, with its rare hybrids. Each individual flower is a study in itself, is both delicate and majestic, in a grace and symmetry all its own, and the single ones better show the aesthetic and artistic plan of the family. A point greatly in its favor is, that it is perfect in our hot summers, and gradually dies down, and only asks a dry and warm protection in one's own room if no other place affords it winter quarters.

R. S. T.

Kanawha Co., W. Va., Apr. 7, 1898.

**Rooting Cuttings.**—Do not throw a cutting or plant away because its root or rooting place has decayed. Simply act the part of a surgeon, and with a sharp knife cut off above in a healthy place and place in water or sand again. In the midst of winter I rooted Oleander, Aloe, Geraniums, Coleus, etc., thus. Plants will root as readily in winter as summer, but you must place them high in the room where they will not get chilled. I root Coleus, Impatiens Sultana, Tradescantias, and Oleanders always in water, other plants in very moist sand, or half sand and earth under glass.

Mrs. A. H. Stuckey.

Appanoose Co., Iowa, Mar. 18, 1898.

**Perennial Peas.**—These do not blossom till the second year, and I find that transplanting them seems to put them back. They need a sunny place, also a trellis to run upon.

Mrs. L. C. Webster.

Cayuga Co., N. Y.

## PACKING AND POSTAGE OF PLANTS.

I WANT to give a few words of warning and instruction to those who are sending plants through the mail in answer to the exchange advertisements. I

have received quite a large number of packages in answer to my notice last month, and have had a good chance to see how the majority pack their plants. The other day I received at the same time a package from St. Louis and one from Wisconsin. The first were fine plants originally, but had been laid on a piece of wrapping paper, rolled up and tied tightly. All life was completely mashed out of them. The other package was in a strong paste-board box, tied up in good wrapping paper. The plants and cuttings were bunched together, wrapped in wet moss (cotton is nearly as good), and then the ends of the stems wrapped in tin foil, which you can get in nearly every store. That box had come from Wisconsin, yet the plants looked as if they had just been packed. If you line your box with oiled paper you can lay the plants in loose, with a layer of damp moss or cotton or even wet newspaper on top, and then the oil paper on top, and they will go safely. But please, please don't lay the plants or cuttings in a box with nothing to keep life in them, like quite a number of packages I have received lately. It is a waste of plants and postage, and temper in the one who receives them.

And now I come to the matter of postage. I notice quite a number have paid double postage on plants, and too little postage, because they had sealed up the package. "Seeds, cuttings, roots, scions and plants are one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof." You can send four ounces for two cents and that is a good sized package. You may have to call your postmaster's attention to the matter, as I did mine. He may say, "why they are the same as merchandise; one cent an ounce." But they are not.

Mrs. M. A. Bucknell.

Madison Co., Ill., Apr. 14, 1898.

**Nicotiana.**—We lifted and potted in one pot two small plants of *Nicotiana* affinis which came up close together in a box of Pansies out of doors. They began blooming about Feb. 18th, and for the last three or four weeks have averaged fifty blossoms a day. We think their perfume is nice. Potato bugs eat the plants badly in the garden but do not trouble other plants. I would like to know why it is sometimes called Tobacco plant.

Mrs. J. A. Johnson.

Oxford Co., April 4, 1898.

[NOTE.—The plant belongs to the same genus as the Tobacco plant which furnishes the Tobacco of commerce. For this reason it is often called Tobacco Plant.—Ed.]

**Snuff for Aphides.**—I think I have discovered an effectual remedy for Aphides, viz.—a pinch of snuff scattered or rubbed lightly on leaf or stem where the aphides are. I scatter a little in the pot also. It doesn't seem to hurt the plant in the least, but is death to the insects.

Windham Co., Conn.

E. M. Bliven.

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**Freesias, Sparaxis, Ixias.**—These bulbous flowers like a moist, cool atmosphere, and when grown in the living room sometimes produce only leaves, the ordinary living room usually having a temperature of from 70° to 75°. Much may be done to invigorate these plants by keeping the air moist in the room, which may be done by placing open pans of water upon the stove or over the register. It is better, however, where possible, to give them a window where the temperature ranges from 50° to 60° until the buds begin to develop, when they may be brought to the living room with safety. Even then the flowers will last longer and develop better if the plants are in a cool temperature. The same is true of Lilies, Tulips, Crocuses and many other spring blooming bulbs.

**Forget-me-Nots.**—A sister in Alabama asks how she should treat Forget-me-nots to be successful with them. She tried them last year, and had a complete failure. She should sow the seeds in autumn, early enough to get a fair start before winter. The young plants will then endure the winter and begin to bloom early in spring, becoming a mass of lovely flowers. The Victoria Forget-me-not is especially beautiful, the flowers and clusters being large and numerous, and of exquisite shades. The seeds start readily in August or early September in a little bed shielded from wind and strong sun, and the earth kept moist by frequent sprinkling.

**Chinese Paeonies.**—These do well in a rich, tenacious clay soil, partially shaded. The north side of a light picket fence affords the needed protection from sun, as well as from wind and storm. If clumps become too large and crowd the stems, lift them early in spring, and separate them, then replant. In a light, loamy soil the plants often fail to develop buds. Ants may be kept away from the buds by dusting with tobacco, and placing tobacco stems over the soil at the roots.

## CARE OF HYACINTHS.

**W**ATER Hyacinths that have bloomed in pots in the house till the foliage begins to fade, then gradually withhold water till the soil is dry, when the pots may be set away in a cool, shady place till fall. In September or early October, if the bulbs have not split up, repot them in fresh earth, as before, and they will bloom again. If they have developed into several small bulbs, about the first of November bed these out in the garden, setting them three inches deep, in a bed that will shed the water. Here they may remain for several years, and will improve from year to year, if properly cared for. Hyacinths that have bloomed in garden beds may be allowed to remain undisturbed if the soil is well-drained. If cold and moist, however, and the bulbs are deep, they should be lifted, as they are liable to rot during the summer, especially if the season is wet. In taking the flowers out the stems near the ground with a sharp knife. If you pull the stems they will separate at the bulb beneath the soil, and this will let the water to the tender part and cause decay. A flower stem pulled in this way is almost sure death to the bulb. In planting a bed of Hyacinths out-doors the Editor favors the use of second size bulbs, if a display is desired for several years. The smaller bulbs do not produce such large spikes of flowers the first season, but such bulbs are likely to develop from year to year, and will produce larger and finer spikes annually instead of splitting up into numerous small bulbs that will fail to bloom at all. Hyacinths will bloom well in a shaded bed, if planted in the fall, but the bulbs should be lifted and dried when the foliage dies and kept in a cool cellar or other suitable place till planting time. Avoid too much exposure to the air after the bulbs are dry, as that is likely to weaken the vitality and cause degeneration.

**Starting Japan Morning Glories.**—The common Morning Glory is a hardy annual, and except in northern climates the seeds may be successfully sown out-doors either in the fall or early spring. The Japan Morning Glory, however, is tender, and the seeds must not be sown out-doors till the ground becomes warm. Even then it needs a warm, sheltered place, and the soil must not be kept too moist, or the seeds will rot. It is better to sow in a window box early, water sparingly, and keep in a rather warm place till germination takes place. The young plants, too, are tender, and are easily chilled. They must not be planted out too early.

**For a Southern Aspect.**—For the south side of a building *Cobæa scandens* is especially adapted. It likes the heat of such a position and grows and blooms there luxuriantly. The Japanese Morning Glory may also be used in such a position. For a bed with a southern aspect use *Petunias*, *Vinca rosea*, *Ageratum*, *Zinnia*, *Four-o'clock*, or *Portulaca*. These all bloom continuously, and are easily grown from seeds.

**PRIMULA OBCONICA.**

**A**SISTER up in Aroostook county, Maine, is much pleased with a plant of *Primula obconica* which she procured last fall, and writes: "My *Primula obconica* has blossomed all winter, and every one who loves flowers or notices them at all always admires this plant. Does it last more than one season and is it propagated from seeds, or by division."



*Primula obconica* is a true perennial, and may be readily increased, either from seeds or by division of the roots. It is generally better to shift the plant into a larger pot than to divide it, unless it is already in a large pot. It grows better and is more showy in a five-inch or six-inch pot, than in a three-inch or four-inch one. This *Primrose* is one of the most beautiful and desirable of window plants, and one that can be heartily recommended. Its easy culture and attractiveness should secure for it a place in every plant window.

**Lily of the Valley.**—This flower increases rapidly and becomes a mass of plants when allowed to remain long in one place. When the plants crowd each other dig the clumps up, separate them, and reset, placing them six inches apart. For a dense shade this is one of the best plants we have. Here it grows and blooms freely, making beautiful the ground that might otherwise be barren and unsightly.

**Resting Smilax.**—When the vines of *Smilax* turn yellow and begin to dry cease watering and let the soil become almost dry. Keep it in this condition for several weeks, until the plant has had a period of rest, then repot in fresh soil and apply water. New, vigorous shoots will then soon appear, and become a mass of graceful foliage.

**Starting Daisies, Roses and Wistaria.**—The yellow Daisy sold by florists is easily started from slips inserted in moist sand in a place sheltered from wind and the hot sun rays. Take point cuttings from young growths two to three inches long. Roses may be started in like manner. *Wistaria* is mostly started from seeds.

**MYRTUS COMMUNIS.**

**T**HIS is an evergreen shrub, easily raised from seeds. The foliage is dense, graceful, shining and fragrant, and the small white flowers are abundantly produced in the spring. Any good soil will grow the plant, and it does well in a comparatively small pot. It branches freely, especially if cut back once a year, and becomes a handsome bush, always admired. It is commonly known as *Myrtle*, but should not be confounded with the well-known *Vinca* or *Periwinkle*, which is often known as *Myrtle*. Water freely while growing, but during winter, while semi-dormant, merely keep the soil moist.

**Bermuda Lily.**—After blooming continue to water this Lily till the foliage begins to fade, then gradually withhold water, drying the soil till it is barely moist, and set away in a cool place. Do not dry out entirely, as that would destroy the large roots at the base of the bulb. If the bulb does not split up into numerous small bulbs it will bloom again. If it does, set them out in the garden, and let Nature care for them. Except in a severe climate this bulb is hardy.

**Watering Plants.**—As a rule it is better to water plants by sprinkling upon the surface soil than to pour water into the saucers and allow it to be taken up from below. Pots in which fine seeds are sown, or pots containing very delicate seedlings should be watered from the saucer. But plants that are strong enough to bear surface watering should be watered in that way.

**Caladium esculentum.**—A sister in Washington who purchased a *Caladium esculentum* asks, "Which is the root part? There is a pink protuberance two inches long, covered with a light husk. Is that the root part or base of the bulb?" She is informed that the "pink protuberance" is the crown or growing part, and the bulb should be planted with that part upward.

**Crinum Offsets.**—The offsets or young bulbs of *Crinum* should be removed early in spring and potted separately. In doing so avoid disturbing the parent bulb, as the large, fleshy roots at the base should not be injured. In potting let the greater part of the neck protrude above the soil. Water freely while the bulb is active, but sparingly while resting.

**Ornithogalum.**—This bulb sometimes fails to make top-growth promptly after planting, though it develops roots, and the bulb seems plump and sound. In such cases do not be too impatient. The leaves and flower stalk will eventually appear, and you will feel well rewarded for waiting.

**Night-blooming Jasmine.**—The night-blooming *Jasmine*, *Cestrum Parqui*, is not hardy at the North, and must be grown there as a pot or half-hardy shrub.

## SEEDLINGS "DAMPING OFF."

**M**ANY persons have trouble with their young seedling plants rotting off at the ground. This is due to a little fungus which runs over the surface where the conditions are favorable. This fungus is more injurious where the soil is loose and porous, and contains some partially decayed vegetable matter. A close, heated atmosphere favors its growth. Where you find the plants dying plough through the surface with a knife blade, or a pin, and you will find upon lifting that the almost microscopic web with some particles of soil will adhere. To avoid this fungus use pure loam and sand as soil, give good ventilation, water with cold water regularly, and maintain a moderate temperature, neither too hot nor too cold. If the fungus starts, pick the web off.

**About Primroses.**—Chinese Primroses sometimes fail to bloom satisfactorily, especially when the plants become exhausted from over-production. In such cases the calyx develops, but the corolla, which is the showy part of the flower, is aborted. The same circumstances are occasionally met with when the conditions for the development of the plant are unfavorable. In such cases report the plants, giving them fresh, porous, well-drained soil, and a partially shaded situation. Water regularly, but not too liberally, and keep the temperature rather cool, say from 50° to 60°. Under these conditions success is almost assured.

**Fuchsia.**—A subscriber in Oregon has a Fuchsia which does not bloom. She has pinched it back from time to time, and it is now a handsome bush eighteen inches high, but without flowers. She should not pinch or prune the top of the plant, but if possible prune the roots. This may be done by sinking a sharp spade in the soil a little distance from the plant. Plants grown in pots may be allowed to become root-bound, which will bring the same result, that of weakening the growth of the branches, and developing buds and flowers. The same treatment may be applied successfully to Roses and other plants that fail to bloom.

**Green Insects on Carnations.**—A subscriber in North Carolina asks what will destroy the little green insects which affect her Carnations. She doubtless refers to Aphides or green lice. These can be destroyed by syringing occasionally with kerosene emulsion, and at intervals with pure cold water, using a good syringe and dashing the water forcibly upon the plants at different angles.

**Amaryllis.**—It is not positively necessary to remove the young bulbs from an Amaryllis to make it bloom. It is more important to give it a rest during the early part of winter, not drying it off entirely, but just enough to keep it from growing.

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**Narcissus Not Blooming.**—Narcissus plants that have failed to bloom during the past winter should be set out in the garden about October 1st, and allowed to take care of themselves. They are hardly worth caring for in pots, as they may not bloom for several years.

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## A EUROPEAN TRIP.

### LETTER NO. 8.

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Tall Poplar trees their shadows throw,  
And in its station in the hall,  
The ancient timepiece says to all,  
"Forever—never—never—forever."

We followed a shady path which led from the village street, and in a little while came to a long, one-storied brick house in front of which was a row of tall Poplars, which in the bright morning sunlight cast vivid shadows upon the walls and across the little platform at the entrance. As I looked at and admired the quaint beauty of that home that had perhaps stood there for centuries, do you wonder that the words of the old song, above given, forced themselves upon my memory? At any rate I found myself inaudibly humming them, although I continued to ply my friend with innumerable questions about the strange things that were to be seen on every hand. But just imagine my feelings when the big hall door was thrown open for my reception, and there "in its station" at the farther end stood the old Dutch clock, reaching from the floor to the ceiling, and in the silence of the little reception room, as I waited till my host found and brought in his "Frow" to introduce her to his American friend, the slow, doleful tick resounding along the walls induced a shade of sadness, as I thought how many lives the tick of that "ancient timepiece" had measured off in past centuries, and how many more it might measure off in the centuries to come.

At last my meditations were pleasantly interrupted by the introduction of the hostess, who, after salutations were exchanged, excused herself, and soon reappeared with a small silver teapot hung over a little lamp, and a tray of tea-cups and saucers, together with silver sugar-bowl, spoon-holder, and spoons, and a little plate of tea-cakes. These were placed upon the center table, the tea poured, and we ate cakes and drank tea as we chatted. After a while the tea-service was removed, and the table cleared, and my host took me out to see his garden. For an American business man who is accustomed to doing justice to a full bill of fare at each meal you may suppose the breakfast eaten was hardly satisfactory. But this proved only the introduction to breakfast, for when we returned an hour later, the little

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table was in readiness, and after grace was said we partook liberally of the food set before us—yeast bread, butter, crackers and cheese, with hot coffee as a drink. The early lunch is eaten about five o'clock in the morning, just after rising, and the regular breakfast at 8 o'clock. Dinner is served at noon, and this is the chief meal of the day, consisting of meat, potatoes, vegetables and fruit, with bread and butter. At 4 o'clock p. m. a luncheon of tea and bread is again eaten, and at 8 p. m., when the labor of the day is over another meal, mostly milk, bread and butter, coffee and roast potatoes is served. This simple diet sustains the masses of the people of Holland, and to it, perhaps, may be attributed their health and longevity. Dyspepsia and stomach troubles are said to be almost unknown here.

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feet in length, and carrying a stationary lattice work five or six feet broad, over which is stretched a strong canvas. The lower part of the windmill is stationary and contains, in many cases, two or three living rooms to accommodate a family which has the windmill in charge. The top of the mill, to which the fan is attached, is movable, and may be revolved to adjust the fan to the wind. The gearing is mostly of wood, and the parts strong and well made. The loft of the mill is reached by a ladder, and here you find, besides the simple machinery, such things as are usually stored in a garret, while in the room below, where the machinery is found, the family place such things as are usually stored in a pantry.

Leaving the windmill we passed over a farm where some men were mowing. The scythe used was short, hooked, very broad at the heel, and tapered toward the point. It was fastened upon a long, straight snead, the lower nib or hand-hold being similar to that used by the American farmer, but the upper one was a cross-piece at the end of a holder running eight or ten inches from the snead. The swathe was rather narrow, but the grass was cut very low, and when dry it was put in wind-rows by a long-handled rake, the head set parallel with the handle, swung backward and forward, just as the American farmer swings a scythe. The hay is hauled in on one-horse wagons, and stacked. In all of Holland I did not see a mower, horse-rake or any power machines for harvesting. All work is apparently done by hand. In another field I saw a man at work with a pair of long wooden tongs with short jaws. He was pulling thistles, which are apparently very troublesome to the Holland farmer, as the thistle tongs, I found, are regarded as a necessary part of the farmer's outfit. We now came to a canal, which we crossed by means of a drawbridge, and passing over a lovely green meadow where a fine herd of cattle resembling the Holstein breed was grazing, we found ourselves at a large, brick, thatch-roofed dairy barn or house. Of this I will speak in my next letter.

Geo. W. Park.

Sassenheim, Holland, Aug. 29, 1897.

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## FLOWERS AND THEIR INFLUENCE.

In the language of poetry, flowers tell us of the hopes of mankind that bloom even amid the darkest hours and direst happenings. How much like life are these mementoes of human love; so bright, so delicious in odor, so charming to the eye and so brief; and while we know that the frost will nip their leaves and turn their colors, it is soothing to us—"that the last sight of the loved ones is one of beauty and peace!" How sweet and soothing it is to look upon the lovely offerings of flowers woven into various designs, and placed by sympathizing friends upon the casket holding our darling and loved ones, as they are lowered into the cool and silent tomb. The "bashful lover" or "blushing maiden" can express their love and sentiments, their jealousy, etc., by the language of flowers. No doubt we all have noticed, more or less, how flowers lighten up the countenance of an invalid with sunshine and happiness; and they want them kept fresh and placed where they can be seen. Two years ago last month I was lying near death's door for several weeks, but was visited by a multitude of kind and loving friends, who would bring me many beautiful flowers, as an emblem of their love and esteem, and to inspire me and cheer me up; and these flowers spoke volumes in their quiet way, and made me partially forget my suffering. I have a beautiful pressed bouquet over two years old, which a friend sent to me while sick. I prized it as a memento of her love, for how good it made me feel at such a sad time. Flowers form a very interesting study, and have a refining influence over us. The cultivation of flowers is a source of inexpressible pleasure for me, and my home would not be complete without them.

Mrs. Jacob Williams.

Craighead Co., Ark., Mar. 26, 1898.

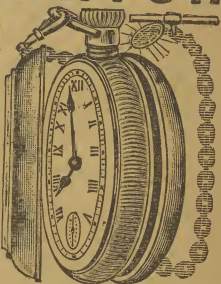
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## The New Yellow Cluster Rose Free.

You have all heard of the great beauty of the New Yellow Hardy Cluster Rose, Yellow Rambler or Aglaia. I have a large stock of this Rose, and will include a plant free in every order for two subscriptions—50 cents, or two plants in every order for four subscriptions (\$1.00). I have but little to say about this new Rose, as I have never seen a large plant in bloom. I offer it simply upon the recommendations of others, and believe if it merits the descriptions it will prove a most valuable novelty. The flowers are double, golden yellow, borne in large clusters upon a vigorous vine which may be trained to a wall or building. Always name this Rose if you want it, as it is sent as an extra. If you have it already I will send of China, instead. See your friends and send your club order promptly, a month later the list will be reduced, as the stock of some varieties will be exhausted.

**Pink Rambler or Empress** while the list is complete. A month later the list will be reduced, as the stock of some varieties will be exhausted.

**A. butilon**, Anna, veined.  
**Boule de Neige**, white.  
**Eclipse**, trailing.  
**Golden Bells**, yellow.  
**Mesopotamium**, trailing.  
**Variegatum**.  
**Souv. de Bonn.**  
**Santana**, red.  
Other choice named sorts.

**Acacia lophantha**.  
**Alcapha Macafeana**.  
**Achimenes**, fine mixed.

**NOTE**.—Heretofore Achimenes have been too scarce and high priced to offer for less than 15 cents each or \$1.50 per dozen; but I am glad to say that I have secured in Europe a fine lot of the tubers, and can offer them in this list, or in quantity at 50 cents per dozen, finest mixed colors. The great beauty of these gorgeous plants and their easy culture should make them popular.

**Achyranthus**, red or yellow.  
**Lindeni**, red foliage.  
**Achania malvaiscus**, red.  
**Agathaea**, Blue Paris Daisy.  
**Ageratum**, blue or white.  
**Althea**, double; white, blue, red.  
**Ampelopsis Veitchii**.  
**Quinquefolia**.

**Aloysia**, Lemon Verbena.  
**Alyssum**, double, white.

**NOTE**.—The double Alyssum is much superior to the single-flowered, and is a grand edging or basket plant, always in bloom. It is easily started from branches, and from one plant you can soon have a fine stock. In a cool room it is unsurpassed as a winter blooming plant. For this purpose start the branches in August, and pinch back to make bushy plants.

**Anemone**, Honorine Jobert.  
**NOTE**.—This Anemone is described as hardy by most florists. It is certainly one of the most beautiful of all white flowers, showy, free-blooming, and spotless white in color. Of the easiest culture. Cover with evergreen boughs in winter.

**Anisophylla goldfussia**.  
**Anthemis**, Chamomile.  
**Aplectrum**, Putty Root.  
**Aquilegia chrysantha**.  
**Glandulosa**, red.  
**Canadensis**.  
**Cœrulea**.

**Artillery Plant**, fine foliage.  
**Arabis alpina**, fine edging.  
**Aster**, perennial, blue.  
**Asclepias tuberosa**.  
**Incarnata**, red-flowered.

**Aubrieta Eyril**.

**Begonia Bruanti**.  
**Bertha Chateauroucer**.  
**Carrieri**.  
**Compta**.  
**Foliola**.  
**Fuchsoides coccinea**.  
**Margarita**.  
**Multiflora hybrida**.  
**M. de Lesseps**.  
**Queen of Bedders**.  
**Robusta**.  
**Sanderonii**.  
**Semperflorens rosea**.  
**Vernon**.  
**Weltoniensis**, white.  
**Weltoniensis**, red.  
**Weltoniensis**, cut-leaved.

**Begonia**, Tuberous.

**Giant Red**.  
" Rose.  
" Yellow.  
" Scarlet.  
**Bergamot**, scarlet Monarda.  
White-flowered.  
**Bignonia radicans**.  
**Bryophyllum calycinum**.  
**Buxus sempervivum**.  
**Caladium esculentum**.  
**California Privet**.  
**Callirhoe involucrata**.  
**Calystegia pubescens**.  
**Sapiantum**.

**Calla Lily**, Little Gem.  
Spotted-leaved.

**White**.  
**Canna**, Chas. Henderson.  
**Mme Crozy**.  
**Paul Marquant**.  
Other sorts.

**Capsicum**, Little Gem.  
**Procopp's Giant**.  
**Carnation**, Daybreak, pink.  
**Early Vienna** fl. pl.  
**Grenadin** fl. pl.  
**Lizzie McGowan**, white.  
**Marguerite**, white.  
**Marguerite**, mixed.  
**Portia**, scarlet.  
**Alaska**, white.  
**Eldorado**, yellow.  
**Striped**, mixed.

**Caryopteris mastacanthus**.  
**Centrosema grandiflora**.  
**Cereus epiphyllum**.  
**Grandiflorus**.  
**Flagelliformis** (rat-tail).  
**Mammillaria**.  
**Cestrum parqui**.  
**Poeticus**.  
**Laurefolium**.  
**Chelone barbata**.  
**Chrysanthemum**, Pelican.  
**Ada Press**.  
**A. H. Fewkes**.  
**Bayard Cutting**.

Chrysanthemum Challenge. Chas. Davis.  
Child of Two Worlds.  
Constellation.  
Elder Down.  
Eugene Dailledouze.  
Golden Wedding.  
Joanna.  
Lady Playfair.  
Leslie Ward.  
Louis Boehmer, pink.  
Major Bonifon.  
Maria Louise.  
Miller's Crimson.  
Mrs. Carnegie.  
Mrs. E. G. Hill.  
Mrs. Geo. Ills.  
Mrs. Joseph Rossiter.  
Mutual Friend.  
Pitcher and Manda.  
Robt. Bottomly.  
Shavings.  
Yellow Queen.  
Cicuta maculata.  
Cineraria hybrida.  
Cinnamon Vine.  
Cissus discolor, a fine vine.  
Heterophylla.  
Cobaea scandens.  
Coccoloba platyclada.  
Clerodendron Balfouri.  
Clematis Virginiana.  
NOTE.—This elegant native herbaceous vine should be generally cultivated. It is unsurpassed for covering a trellis or summer house.  
Coleus, Fancy-leaved.  
Cut-leaved.  
Commelyna coelestis.  
Conoclinium coelestinum.  
Convolvulus Mauritanicus.  
Coreopsis lanceolata.  
Coronilla glauca.  
Crape Myrtle, pink.  
Crassula spatulata.  
Cordata, winter-bloomer.  
Portulacoides.  
Cuphea platycentra.  
Cyclamen Persicum, giant.  
Cyperus alternifolius.  
Cyperipedium aculeate.  
Dahlia, named, any color.  
Deutzia gracilis, shrub.  
Crenata fl. pl.  
Pride of Rochester.  
Dielisya cucullaria.  
Speckabillis.  
Double Daisy, Ball of Snow.  
Longfellow, pink.  
NOTE.—The Daisies I offer are vigorous blooming plants, all bearing fine double flowers.  
Echeveria secunda.  
Elecampane, Inula.  
Eryanthemum pulchellum.  
Eulalia zebrina.  
Euonymus Japonica aurea.  
Variegata, hardy.  
Eupatorium riparium.  
Fabiana imbricata.  
Fern, Camptosaurus rhizophyllus (Walking Fern).  
Other hardy sorts.  
Ficus repens, for walls.  
Forsythia viridissima.  
Suspensa, slender.  
Fuchsia, Black Prince.  
Rabella Improved.  
Dr. Tapinard.  
Fort.  
Mrs. E. G. Hill.  
Mons. Thibit.  
Molesworth.  
Oriflamme.  
Phenomenal.  
Procumbens.  
Snow Ferry.  
Fuchsia Speciosa.  
Van der Strauss.  
Monarch.  
Elm City.  
Little Prince.  
Gaillardia grandiflora.  
Gardenia, Cape Jasmine.  
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Geum coccineum fl. pl.  
Geranium, Scented-leaved.  
Mrs. Taylor.  
Nutmeg-scented.  
Oak-leaf, scented.  
Pennyroyal-scented.  
Rose-scented.  
Walnut-scented.  
Geranium—Flowering single.  
Bed of Gold.  
Daybreak.  
Gen. Grant.  
La Vestal.  
Mrs. E. G. Hill.  
Pres. Garfield.  
Queen Olga.  
Gey. de Mirande.  
White Swan.  
Geranium—Flowering, double.  
Asa Gray.  
Brunt.  
Beaute Poitevine.  
La Favorite.  
Salmon King.  
Wonderful.  
Geranium—Bronze.  
Bronze Bedder.  
Marshal McMahon.  
Prince Bismark, bronze.  
Geranium—Ivy-leaved.  
Galilee.  
Gen. Champient.  
Mme. Thibit.  
Rosier.  
Souv. de Chas. Turner.  
Gesneria, Plain-leaved.  
Variegated-leaved.  
These are true Gesnerias, with beautiful foliage and flowers.  
Rare, lovely, and easily grown.  
Gloxinia, White.  
"Blue.  
"Red.  
"Spotted.  
Golden Rod, Solidago.  
Goodyera pubescens.  
Grevillea robusta.  
Habrothamnus elegans.  
Helianthus tuberosum.  
Multiflorus plenus.  
Heliotrope in variety.  
Hemerocallis fulva.  
Hepatica triloba.  
Heterocentrum, white.  
Hibiscus, Chinese, choice named, great variety.  
Syriacus (Althea).  
Crimson Eye, hardy.  
Hollyhock, double, to color.  
Honeysuckle, Hall's hardy.  
Gold-leaved.  
Houstonia cœrulea.  
Hydrangea hortensis.  
Otaksa.  
Paniculata.  
Thos Hogg.  
Ipomœa, blue, white-edged.  
Heavenly Blue.  
Leary.  
Violacea vera.  
Isopleis gracilis, grass.  
Iris, Dwarf German.  
Tall German.  
Kempferi.  
Ivy, German or Parlor.  
English, hardy.  
English, variegated.  
Kenilworth, for baskets.  
Jasminum gracilimum.  
Grand Duke.  
Grandiflorum.  
Nudiflorum.  
Officialis.  
Poeticus.  
Justicia speciosa.  
Carnea pink.  
Coccinea red.  
Kenilworth Ivy.  
Kerria Japonica.  
Lantana, white, pink, yellow.  
Don Calmet, or Weeping.  
NOTE.—New Weeping is slender, and an elegant winter-blooming trellis or basket plant.  
Lavender, fragrant.  
Leonotis leonurus.  
Leucanthemum maximum.  
Libonia penrhosiensis.  
Lilac, Persian, gilt-leaved.  
Common Purple.  
Common White.  
Libaria cymbalaria.  
Lobelia, Royal Purple.  
Barnard's Perpetual.  
Lopesia rosea.  
Lunaria biennis.  
Mackaya bella.  
Madeira Vine, started.  
Mahernia odorata.  
Manettia cordifolia, rare.  
Bicolor, scarlet.  
Mandevilla suaveolens.  
Marguerite Daisy.  
Matrimony Vine, hardy.  
Matricaria capensis alba.  
Mesembryanthemum cordi-Grandiflorum. [folium].  
Mexican Primrose.  
Meyenia erecta.  
Michauxia campanulata.  
Minulus cupreus brilliant.  
Mischodus, Musk Plant.  
Mina lobata.  
Mitchella repens.  
Muhlenbeckia compacta.  
Myosotis, Forget-me-not.  
Myrtus communis.  
Nicotiana, Jasmine-scented.  
"Old Man," scented, hardy.  
"Old Woman," scented.  
Otaheite Orange.  
Othonna, basket plant.  
Oxalis, Buttercup.  
Pæony, Chinese, in variety.  
Old-fashioned red.  
Pansies, young plants.  
Parsley, moss-cured.  
Passiflora cœrulea.  
Constance Elliott.  
John Spaulding, variegated.  
Scarlet Hybrid.  
Peperomia maculata.  
Peperomia ang. variegata.  
(NOTE.—One of the finest variegated winter plants; flowers carmine; sure to bloom.)  
Petunia, double, fringed, in variety, named.  
Phalaris arundinacea.  
Phlox, perennial, white.  
Maculata, red.  
Pink, Cyclops.  
Old-fashioned.  
Picotee, mixed.  
Marguerite, white.  
Marguerite, mixed.  
Plumbago capensis alba.  
Coccinea.  
Cœrulea.  
Polygonatum racemosum.  
Pomegranate, Jas. Vick.  
Primula obovata.  
Veris, gold-laced.  
Chinese, Fern-leaved to color.  
Chinese, Fern-leaved to color.  
Ranunculus acris fl. pl.  
Rivinia humilis.  
Rocket, Sweet.  
Rose in variety.  
Rudbeckia laciniata fl. pl.  
Ruellia formosa.  
Russelia juncea.  
Salvia splendens, scarlet.  
Patens, blue.  
Rutilans, new.  
Sanguinaria canadensis.  
Santolina Indica.  
Saxifraga serpyllifolia.  
NOTE.—A splendid basket plant; foliage finely marbled, flowers in large panicles.  
Sea Onion.  
Selaginella, moss-like.  
Sedum, hardy, yellow.  
Sedum, for baskets.  
"Acre, "Crownfoot."  
Senecio macroglossis.  
Smilax, Boston.  
Solanum azureum.  
Grandiflorum.  
Pseudo capsicastrum.  
Scutellaria pulchella.  
Sparaxis, mixed.  
Spirea, Van Houtte.  
Prunifolia.  
Stapelia variegata.  
Stavia serrata.  
Strobilanthes Dyerianus.  
Anisophyllus.  
Swainsonia alba.  
Sweet William, double white.  
Single white.  
Nigrescens, black.  
Dunet's Crimson.  
Thyme, variegated.  
Tigridia alba.  
Tradescantia multicolor.  
Variegata.  
Virginica.  
Zebrina.  
Trailing Arbutus.  
Tuberose, Double.  
Troæolum peregrinum.  
Tydaea, fine mixed.  
NOTE.—Tydaens, like Achimenes, are gemaceous plants of great beauty, and I am pleased to be able to add them to my list. Heretofore they have been sold at from 20 cents to 30 cents each. They are as easily grown as Achimenes, and will give unbounded satisfaction. The flowers are of various colors, and can be supplied in mixture at 50 cents per dozen.  
Umbrella Tree.  
Veronica imberlalis.  
Spicata.  
NOTE.—Y. spicata is a hardy perennial, bearing long spikes of blue flowers in autumn.  
Verbena, Hardy Purple.  
Hybrida, in variety.  
Vinca, Hardy Blue.  
Variegated yellow.  
Harrisonii, marbled.  
Rosea, rose.  
Rosea alba, white.  
Viola pedata, "Bird's-foot." California.  
English Violas.  
Mary Louise, sweet.  
Weeping Willow.  
Weigela rosea floribunda.  
Yucca filamentosa.  
Zephyranthus atamasco.

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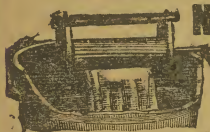
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Oswego Co., N. Y., March 15, 1893.

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Conway, Iowa, Mar. 29, 1893.

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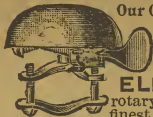
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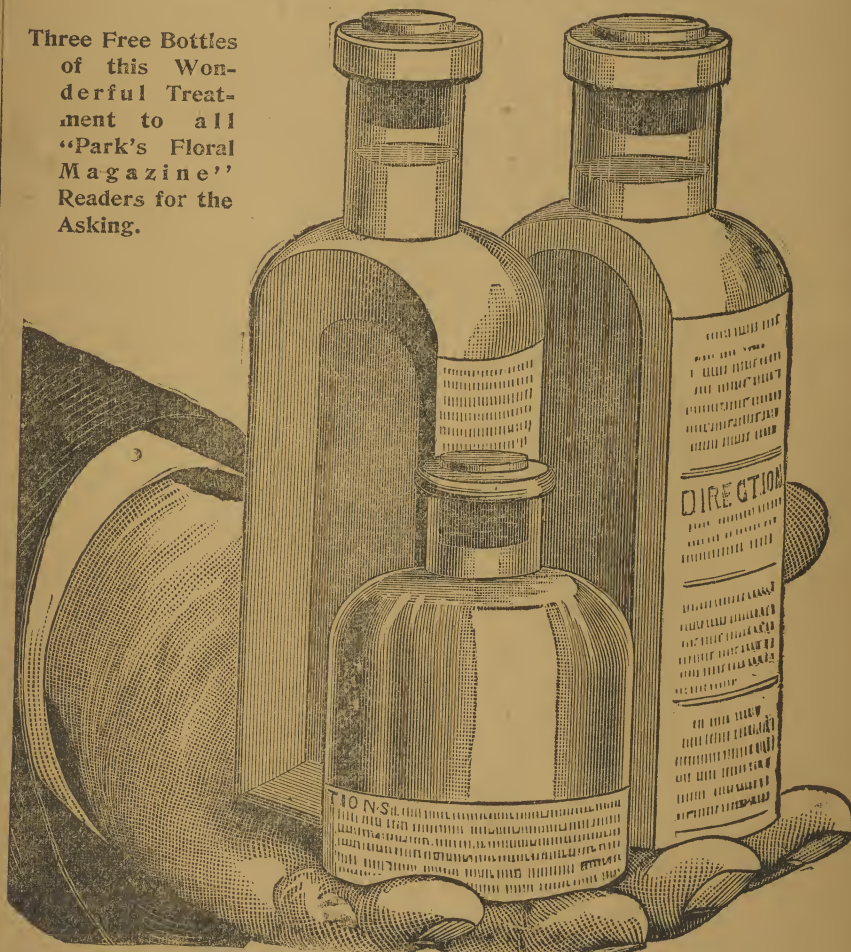
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